GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5168
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DIVERSION OF FOODGRAINS
DILEEP SANGHANI;GORDHANBHAI JAVIA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether large quantity of foodgrains meant for BPL families are sold in the open market;

(b) if so, the manner in which Government plan to stop such malpractices;

(c) the punishment Government propose to impose on such traders; and

(d) the number of traders who were punished during the current year, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): No, Sir. In the event of diversion of foodgrains supplied under PublicDistribution System (PDS), action is liable in terms of Public Distribution System (Control)Order, 2001. Violations are punishable under Section 7 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1995.